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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR NEAK LOEUNG

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1. MUCH APPRECIATE PROMPT ACTION ON SOLATIUM
PAYMENTS.

2. BELIEVE THAT IN ADDITION TO PERSONAL REPARATIONS,
WE SHOULD MAKE SOME GESTURE OF A MORE PERMANENT
CHARACTER TO THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE. GESTURE NEED
NOTE BE MUNIFICENT, BUT SHOULD BE MADE AND PUBLICIZED
IMMEDIATELY.

3. WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT AN APPROPRIATE ACTION WOULD
BE TO REPAIR AND RE-EQUIP THE NEAK LOEUNG HOSPITAL.
HOSPITAL IS LOCATED IN A TWO-STROY CONCRETE BUILDING
WHICH WAS DAMAGED DURING THE 6YH AUGUST INCIDENT. IT
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IS ON LSE MAIN STREET OF NEAK LOEUNG AND CLEARLY VISIBLE

FROM THE MEKONG, AND COULD BE A GOOD SYMBOL BOTH OF U.S. COMPASSION FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE BOMBING INCIDENT AND OF U.S. CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE OF THIS THREATENED BUT KEY REIVER TOWN.

4. OUR OFFER SHOULD TAKE FORM OF A WILLIGNESS TO RELEASE COUNTERPART FUNDS FOR BUILDING REPAIRS UP TO SIX MILLION RIELS, AND PROVIDE A GRANT OF UP TO 150 THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM AID FUNDS FOR NECESSARY HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT.

5. REQUEST APPROVAL OF THIS PROPOSAL BY RETURN CABLE SO THAT THE AMBASSADOR COULD MAKE THE OFFER OF ASSISTANCE TO NEAK LOEUNG HOSPITAL AT THE SAME TIME HE ANNOUNCES SOLATIUM PAYMENTS. WE WOULD THAN ASK AID/W TO MAKE AVAILABLE A SPECIALIST IN HOSPITAL PROJECTS FROM EITHER

SAIGON OR WASHINGTON TO DEFINE THE ASSISTANCE REQUIRED.
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